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Ravalli County Commissioners

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February 12, 2009

Ravalli County Commissioners
215 S. 4th Street, Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840

Re: Greef airport lease

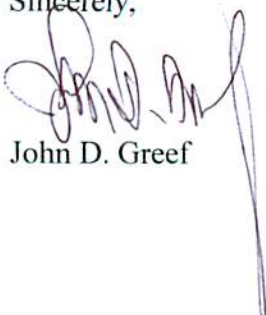
Dear Commissioners:

This letter is written in response to your letter dated November 3, 2008 and in regards to the airport lease # 365 / C22. Our building at the airport has two hangar spaces and an apartment. The building and apartment were built in about 1979. The property was also improved with a septic system and well. The improvements were made with the full knowledge of the county officials and manager serving at that time. The building has been used for that purpose on a regular and continual basis ever since it's construction with the full knowledge of county representatives, a period of about 30 years.

We purchased the building about six years ago at a value based on the historical use and expended about \$10,000 improving the hangars and apartment with the full knowledge of the airport manager. We have continued to use the building in a manner consistent with the original purpose.

We contend the county would be equitably estopped from terminating the residential use of the hangar building upon sale, transfer or lease expiration. Such an action would cause significant damage to us. We will resist the action you purport to take as set forth in your letter. If you have any issues raised in this letter that you would like to discuss, please contact the undersigned at 363-3673.

Sincerely,


John D. Greef

Mary H. Greef

